

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1 (original): In the continuous two-phase interfacial condensation process for preparing polycarbonate from at least one diphenol, phosgene, at least one chain terminator, and optionally branching agents and in the presence of a catalyst the improvement comprising maintaining the concentration of the catalyst at a level of at least 0.012 mol per mol of diphenol.

Claim 2 (original): The process of Claim 1 wherein the level is at least 0.05 mol per mol of diphenol.

Claim 3 (original): The polycarbonate prepared by the process of Claim 1.

Claim 4 (original): A molded article comprising the polycarbonate of Claim 3.

Claim 5 (new): In the continuous two-phase interfacial condensation process for preparing polycarbonate from at least one diphenol, phosgene, at least one chain terminator, and optionally branching agents and in the presence of a tertiary amine catalyst the improvement comprising maintaining the concentration of the catalyst at a level not less than 0.012 mol per mol of diphenol.

Claim 6 (new): The process of Claim 5 wherein the level is at least 0.05 mol per mole of diphenol.

Claim 7 (new): The polycarbonate prepared by the process of Claim 5.

Claim 8 (new): A molded article comprising the polycarbonate of Claim 7.